Wage Boards for different industries

1678. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have recently constituted a number of wage boards for differen industries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to revert to the policy of setting up of wage boards as a substitute to collective bargaining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) Government have recently set up three wage boards one for Sugar Industry under the Chairmanship of Justice Jagmohan Lal Tandon for further revision of the present wage structure in Sugar Industry and two other Wage Boards for Working Journalists and Non-Journalists Newspaper Employees with Justice U. N. Bhachawat as its Chairman to fix and revise the rates of wages in newspaper industry.

(c) No, Sir.

Krish Vigyan Kendras in Gujarat

1679. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of "Krishi Vigyan Kendras" sanctioned for Gujarat during the Sixth Five-Year Plan period;

(b) whether any proposals for setting up such Kendras were submitted by voluntary agencies; and

(c) wheher new Kendras are likely to be allowed to be set up by the voluntary agencies in Gujarat during the Seventh Five-Year Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Three Krishi Vigan Kendras, one each at Devgarh Baria (Panchmahal); Sojitra (Kheda) and Waghai (Dang) have been sanctioned during the Sixth Five Year Plan for Gujarat.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Liberal Conditions for Loans from Provident Fund for Working Jounalists

1680. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to liberalise conditions for loan from the provident fund for working jounalists, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce group insurance scheme for working journalists, if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) The maximum amount of withdrawl for house building purpose admissible under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme has been recently enhanced from 24 months' to 36 months' wages. Apart from this. There is no other proposal for liberalising the provisions relating withdrawals under the EPF Scheme.

(b) The working journalists covered under the EPF Act are entitled to the benefit of Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme. There is, however, no proposal to introduce any separate Group Insurance Scheme for them-